THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.14484 of 2007

Dt:09.07.2007

Between:

Sri Venkateswara Navodaya Commission Merchant and others.
.. Petitioners

and

The Agricultural Market Committee, Khammam, Khammam District rep., by its Secretary and another.
.. Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioners state that they are carrying on business in agricultural produce in Khammam District, for the last several years. With a view to obtain commission agent licences, they submitted applications to the 1st respondent on several occasions. Their grievance is that no action has been taken thereon.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and learned counsel for the respondents.

The A.P. (Agricultural Produce and Livestock) Markets Act, 1996 (for short 'the Act') prescribes the procedure for grant and renewal of commission agent licences. The 1st respondent is the Licensing Authority for

the area of its operation. If the petitioners have fulfilled the qualifications and requirements, for grant of commission agent licences, the 1st respondent cannot withhold the same. On the other hand, if the applications submitted by the petitioners suffer from any defects, or if there exists any reasons, which disable the petitioners from being granted licences, the 1st respondent is under obligation to communicate such reasons or grounds. He cannot keep the applications pending indefinitely.

For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the 1st respondent to consider the applications submitted by the petitioners, in accordance with Section 7(2) of the Act, and take necessary steps within four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

09.07.2007

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